(*d*) whether the Excise Commissioner accepted the recommendation; and

(*e*) when the proposal for declaring the Tarimala group of villages for 'prohibition' reached the Government?

A.—(*a*) It is reported that a deputation waited on the Collector in the matter.

(*b*) The two arrack shops in the Tarimala area were closed temporarily from 1st April 1931.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Commissioner did not object to the Collector's proposal being accepted.

(*e*) On 6th July 1931.

Deputation from the Tarimala group of villages to the Excise Minister for the introduction of prohibition.

* 519 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether deputations from the Tarimala group of villages and Peddavadugur group waited upon him on the 26th June when he visited Anantapur and represented their respective cases for prohibition; and

(*b*) whether the hon. Minister, in consultation with the Collector, promised favourable consideration of their prayers?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but the date appears to have been the 20th or 21st June.

(*b*) The best consideration was promised.

Postponement of the auction-sale of toddy and arrack shops in the Gooty and Anantapur taluks.

* 520 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the auction-sales of the toddy shops in Gooty and Anantapur taluks were postponed from July to an indefinite date, pending the orders of Government on the recommendation of the District Officers and the Revenue Board;

(*b*) whether a District Gazette notification was issued fixing the dates of auction of the toddy shops of these two taluks to August;

(*c*) whether the present Collector Sriman D. Mahanti Mahasayo issued a District Gazette notification, dated 20th September, that the sales of the toddy shops is Gooty and Anantapur taluks would be held on the 5th and 7th October respectively, excepting the shops in Peddavadugur and Tarimala areas;

(*d*) whether the Collector issued cyclostyled circulars of the above notification to all the village officers also;